

Griff Promises Square Deal for Henry—Will Fine Those in Poor Condition

NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BACKSTOP

"John Henry Will Be Treated Like All My Other Players," Says Griff.

OLD FOX REMAINS SERENE

Declares Talk Is Cheap in January and Dear in April for Athletes.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Manager Griffith is not the least bit excited over the reported assertion of Ban Johnson's that John Henry will be driven from the American League unless he gives up his affiliation with the Baseball Players' Fraternity.

"I want to say once more what I've been saying all along that this move of the fraternity is merely a bluff," remarked the Old Fox today. "It doesn't cost any money to talk in the winter. But it costs money to talk in April. That makes a difference."

"There will be no discrimination by me in treating with any of my players. This goes for John Henry, too. I shall treat him just as I do all the others. Ban Johnson cannot drive Henry out of the league merely for belonging to the fraternity. He would have to drive all the others out with him."

May Lose Money. "I don't believe that my players will refuse to sign for the coming season, but if they are so foolish, let them go. I'll be better off without that type of a player on my ball club."

"Furthermore, no player on my club can report at Augusta unless he has signed a contract. I shall order all the unsigned to stay where they are. If a player decides to hold out to the last moment, say on the opening day of the regular season, and then report in poor physical condition, I shall bench him under suspension and fine him to the limit allowed in this league. That goes for all of them."

Ready to Get Players. Manager Griffith insists on saying that the Fultz plan of calling a strike will fall to the ground and that the fraternity will collapse before the season begins.

"I refuse to take this talk seriously," he explains. "Here we are facing 'Fultz.' He demands that the majors do something out of their power to do. We have nothing to do with the minor leagues. We cannot yield to the demands of a few players who are demanding that we do something that shows the injustice of the play."

John Henry's Position. John Henry's name has crept into the newspapers because of his energy in pulling players into line for the fraternity. The Washington catcher is wintering at his home in Amherst, Mass., where he has gone into the book-making business. He is expected to be present at the meeting of players residing in New England. It is this activity on his part which leads Ban Johnson to declare warfare on him.

"Henry, or any other player in the American League, who refuses to sign a contract because of the fraternity," says Ban, "will be barred. We propose to lay a strong hand on Henry and others like him."

The American League has been fair to his players and will continue to be fair without the assistance of Fultz. The fraternity president must be driven from baseball. The American League is against him."

Borders on Conspiracy. President John K. Tener, of the National League, says that "a sympathetic strike of major league players because of minor league grievances borders on conspiracy as defined by the Clayton act."

"This strike is a great injustice," continues Tener. "The National League players have absolutely no grievance, and we always have conceded them all they asked."

"As the public knows how well the players are treated, I cannot see how they can hope to have any public sympathy."

PITT IS PROMISING. Loss of First Game Does Not Discourage Its Supporters.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 13.—The University of Pittsburgh's basketball five opened their first game of the season by dropping their first game to the fast Syracuse team. Two other games are scheduled for this week, one with Juniata College, and the other with the Westinghouse Club team.

Although the first game was lost, still the margin was small and the team shows promise of developing into one that will uphold Pitt's record in this branch of sports. McLaren, the star fullback and a former floor star at Pittsburgh High, played his first college basketball game and appears to be a real find. The return of last year's captain, Lubic, has also bolstered the Panthers' stock for the remaining games.

CARROLL TO PLAY. The Mohawk Athletic Club will make the Carroll Institute basketball team tonight on the gym floor of the club at 8 o'clock.

BOYS WINNERS. The Chi team, of the Fraternity League, went down to defeat before the fast-going Y. M. C. A. youngsters in the latter's gym last night by the overwhelming score of 65 to 13.

ALEX IS HOLD-OUT

Phillies' Star Twirler Sends Back Unsigned Contract.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13.—Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Phillies, the National League's greatest pitcher, is a hold-out. He has returned unsigned a contract tendered him for 1917. Today President Baker invited the pitcher to visit Philadelphia, at the club's expense, for a conference over the salary terms.

While Alexander, declining to sign, mentioned no particular sum, it is believed he wants \$15,000 for toiling on the mound next summer.

CLEVELAND LINE-UP SETTLED ALREADY

Lee Fohl About Decided on Team That Will Open the Coming Campaign.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 13.—Although there are no club officials in the American League who say less concerning plans for the approaching season than those guiding the Cleveland team, it is believed Dunn and Fohl practically have settled on their regular line-up for 1917—that is, barring accidents in the training season or a trade.

Basing the dope on players now on the Indian roster, Chic Gandil or Louis Gusto will play first base. Gandil led the league first sackers in fielding last season and it is admitted he went after everything in sight, his one fielding fault being he too often made pitchers cover first when he could have made the play surer by covering himself. Gandil did not bat up to his customary figure, but will play first unless Gusto shows ability to hit better.

Will Be Pitch-Hitters. Other Indians capable of playing first are Ivan Howard, Marty Kavanagh, Ray Miller and Joe Harris. Miller will be one pitch hitter and Kavanagh the other. Each will be expected to fill utility roles. Howard is likely to be retained for substitute work and coaching.

Harrie's future depends on his showing at New Orleans. He batted .303 last year in the Southern League, and starred in the field. He has a chance to wrest first from Gusto or Gandil. The other three infield positions have been removed from doubt. Bill Wambagans will cover second, Ray Chapman short, and Terry Turner third.

It is not certain that Joe Evans and Walter Barabaz will be retained. Evans played brilliantly at Portland last year, and proved a capable lead-off man for the Beavers. For that reason he has a good chance to be kept as Turner's understudy.

Outfield Is Settled. The outfield will be composed of Granesy, Speaker, and Roth. Who will be extra gardeners cannot be told now. Allison and Lohr are the only others on the roster, and it may be neither will be able to stick. Marty Kavanagh and Joe Harris could be used.

Steve O'Neill will continue to do the bulk of the backstopping with Josh Billings and Tom Daly as aids. Deberry may also be carried, as the New Orleans graduate batted far better than any other Indian catcher last year.

TRYOUT SUCCESSFUL

Although Defeated by Veteran Swimmers Central Does Well.

The initial performance of the Central High School Swimming team, coached by F. J. Brunner, in the new tank at the M. Pleasant school, was a success. Although defeated by 49 to 19 in the various events, the Central swimmers demonstrated that they will be heard from later on.

Washington Swimming Club veterans finished first and second in five events, second in one and third in another event, besides taking the relay. Walter Miltstead was the star of the Central contingent.

The summary: 640-foot relay—Won by Washington Swimming Club (Von Schelle, Knight, Rutherford, Ellison); second, Central High School (Miltstead, Call, Hayes, Soloway). Time, 2:09.35.

50-yard backstroke swim—Won by Knight, W. S. C.; second, Ellison, W. S. C.; third, Jackson, C. H. S. Time, 0:36.25.

50-yard swim—Won by Von Schelle, W. S. C.; second, Bannman, W. S. C.; third, Pierson, C. H. S. Time, 0:32.35. Fancy diving—Won by Miltstead, C. H. S. (117.1 points); second, Bennett, W. S. C. (103.6 points); third, Houston, C. H. S. (87.5 points).

100-yard swim—Won by Baker, W. S. C.; second, Bannman, W. S. C.; third, Miltstead, C. H. S. Time, 1:13. 643.35.

Plunge for distance—Won by Leech, C. H. S.; second, Morrell, C. H. S.; third, Palmer, W. S. C. Distance, 61 feet, 9 inches in 28 seconds.

220-yard swim—Won by Palmer, W. S. C.; second, Campbell, W. S. C.; third, Call, C. H. S. Time, 2:32.35.

One-length special swim (for Central boys who could not swim a length prior to November 1)—Won by Kaminski, second, Hartman; third, Smith. Time, 0:31.35.

HAS NOVEL SCHEME. Harold Baker, brother of Snowy Baker, the Australian boxing promoter, who referees many contests at the stadium in Sydney, has a novel method of keeping track of points scored by contestants in a fight. He wears white cuffs, one for each boxer, and marks a point whenever scored on one or the other cuff. In the event that a decision rendered by him meets with disapproval he introduces his cuffs as evidence of the fact that he awarded the victory to the man scoring the larger number of points.

DONOVAN IS GOOD TEAM CONSTRUCTOR

There Isn't a Manager in the League Who Doesn't Give Him Pennant Hope.

Bill Donovan, manager of the Yankees, is one of the greatest team builders in baseball. His reconstruction of the disorganized New York American League club of 1914 proves that. There isn't a manager on the Johnson circuit who doesn't award Bill a good chance to win the pennant next season.

Few managers ever have accomplished more in the way of remodeling a team than did Donovan in renovating the Yankees. When he succeeded Frank Chance he cast his lines for new players. Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston, owners of the club, gave him a free hand in the expenditure of money for new men, with the result that Donovan succeeded in molding together a team that undoubtedly would have won the pennant last season if injuries had not intervened.

Survivors Are Few. Many a story has been written on the almost complete dispersal of championship teams, but when it comes to building anew, winners of pennants have nothing on the Yankees, who have but few survivors of the campaign of 1916.

The pitchers were Fisher, Ford, Caldwell, Keating, McHale, Pieh, Cole, Warhop and Schultz. Fisher and Caldwell are the only two remaining, and Caldwell is still under suspension for deserting the club last summer. Cole is dead. The others are in the moon or have quit.

The infielders then were Williams, Mullen, Boone, Zeider, Peckinpah, Maitel and Martzell. Peckinpah and Maitel are left. Of the outfielders, Walter, Cook, Cree, Whitman and Holden, not one now has his name on the Yankees roster.

Many Are New Ones. That leaves only four survivors of the 1914 campaign. In place of the others there are Fipp, Baumann, Godson, Russell, Egan, Culp, Shawkey, Shocker, McGridge, Gilbey, High, Magee, Miller and Hendryx.

Donovan has several of his 1916 recruits farmed out with class AA league teams, but of the lot, he expects to keep two, Hendryx, an outfielder, and Ross, a pitcher.

The others, including Tiptie, a pitcher for whom New York paid Indianapolis \$7,500; Danny Boone, Ray Keating and Cy Pieh will be turned loose again.

GRAND CENTRALS LOSE

Game Good Fellows Win Hurts Crack Team's Standing.

Grand Central lost valuable ground in the race for the District Duckpin League championship, when they permitted Bill Rider's Good Fellows to slip over a win in the final game of a match last night, at the Grand Central.

The Grand Centrals won all three it would have placed them one game behind the Royals, who are second, and three games behind the leading Continentals.

With John Meany going strong, the Grand Centrals rolled 60 in the second game. The first was 533. In the final only 492 pins fell.

Meany hung up the biggest game of last night's rolling, when he got 151 in his second string.

Lawrence, of the Bluemonds, in the Central League, made a near successful effort to meet Harry McCarthy's 175 season's record when he spilled 171 maples in a game against the Metropolitan's Thursday. He substituted for Evans in the second and third games, and got a 283 total.

QUIMET IS LOSER

Golf Association, After Wordy War, Holds to Its Ruling.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The forlorn hope that Francis Quimet, Brooklyn golfer, who defeated Vardon and Ray, the English stars, might yet be saved to amateur golf, was blasted early today, following action by the United States Golf Association to uphold every point of its drastic rules.

The vote of the body to stand by its rulings was 77 to 14, such a majority that it is deemed almost certain that Quimet's may well lay aside his club for all the good they ever will do him in amateur play. John M. Sullivan, Jr., and Paul Tewksbury, two other Boston players, also will be placed in the professional class.

The Golf Association upheld that part of its definition of professionalism which places in that class all players who help lay out golf courses and receive pay for it.

The fight that ended in Quimet's being declared a professional was bitter and long drawn. The final showdown did not come until nearly 2 o'clock this morning. Both camps expressed deep personal liking for Quimet, but the ruling side was firm in its stand.

The Oakmont Club, Pittsburgh, was awarded the amateur championship tournament for 1917, and the open championship to the Brae Burn Club, Boston. The Shawnee, Pa., club was given the women's tournament.

Howard W. Perrin of Philadelphia, was elected president of the association.

INDIANS COME HERE. The Carlisle Indians will appear here again at Catholic University in football on November 10. The Indians played Georgetown here four years ago, when Jim Thorpe, Guyon, and Welsh were in their glory.

BLANKS ARE OUT. Entry blanks are out for the Georgetown University track meet to be held February 17. Georgetown is allotted three South Atlantic Intercollegiate A. A. events. Blanks may be obtained from any of the sporting goods stores.

GEORGETOWN FIVE SCORES HANDY WIN

Hilltoppers Cover Up in Game at Ryan Gym With Hopkins.

Georgetown will be ready for the unbeaten Navy team later in the season, judging from last night's performance at Ryan gym, when the Johns Hopkins Independents were decisively defeated by 46 to 12.

Hopkins was no match for the fast flying Georgetown team. It may have been that Coach John O'Reilly desired to cloak up his system of play. The performance of the Blue and Gray players was not up to the standard set in the Gallaudet game earlier in the week and the passing was noticeably slower than usual.

The fact that Jim Colliflower, coach of the Navy team, handled the game may have had something to do with the variance in the usual system of play perfected by the Hilltoppers. What plays were used effectively stopped the Hopkins team.

Five baskets were shot by the visitors and three of these were gifts, as the Georgetown team allowed Branham to slip by the defense. Two other baskets were the results of long pot shots.

O'Leary, Peas, McNulty and O'Boyle were unusually accurate in shooting from the floor. Henry O'Boyle led both teams with six baskets. Georgetown sent in a second team during the second half and play slowed down a bit.

CARDS GET PITCHER

"Turkey" Thomas Will Go to Training Camp for a Trial.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Jan. 13.—The St. Louis National League club has purchased Pitcher "Turkey" Thomas from the Hannibal club, of the Three-Eye League, according to an announcement made today by Henry Riedel, president of the local club.

In event that Thomas needs further minor league seasoning he will be returned to Hannibal. He will accompany the Cardinals on their spring training trip.

BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

Pred Fulton's long left may work the undoing of Jess Willard. Youth must be served, remember.

One reason why Les Darcy is tremendously unpopular in British circles is because every day may be seen boxers trudging the streets of the "light little island" on crutches. Sapper O'Neill has been wounded in the head and discharged from the army. Jack Monroe, who fought Jim Jeffries, is recovering from wounds received while serving with the Canadian sportsman's battalion. Bombardier Wells, after instructing rookies, is now at the front.

No wonder Darcy has been bawled out for hiking from Australia. Just before the recruiting officer hammered at the front door.

"One strike!" shouts Dave Fultz. Will it yet be "Three strikes and you're out!" from the magnates?

Charlie Comiskey says that, if the White Sox can't win the 1917 flag in the American League, he'd like to see the St. Louis Browns turn the trick. Charlie is just one of us, that's all. Boston, Detroit and Philadelphia have had too much of a soft thing in this league. It's about time St. Louis, Washington and Cleveland got a whack at it. At that, New York stands a much better chance of being the 1917 pennant winner than either of the three clubs named. Donovan's club has the goods. The others must yet prove such a charge.

"Sallee will be ostracized by the other players," says Dave Fultz. Here's a bet that 90 per cent of the athletes won't know what that means.

Lee Magee—that's his legal name now, too, by the way—calmly announces that the "Federal League was never more than a minor league." Lee is getting wise in his old age, but all this was well known long before all this. The first time we read of the terrific hitting of Frank Laporte and Herman Schaefer we knew where the Feds got off in their field competition with the majors. Two old spavins, who couldn't last a week in fast company, could go into the Federal circuit and burn it up! That was enough for us. We knew then the caliber of the independent organization. Furthermore, Benny Kauff went a long way toward amplifying the above statement by his hitting with the Giants last summer.

Johnny Coulson was a successful "come back." Now let's hear from "Long Tom" Hughes.

Washington and Baltimore howlers are endeavoring to stage a duckpin match between representative teams of the two cities. Baltimore has adopted the so-called two-ball game, which limits to two the number of balls rolled to the box, and insists on contesting the match at this style of rolling. The locals demand the regulation game and will compete under no other conditions. The Washingtonians are absolutely right. Why should they help carry out the plans of Monumental City alley proprietors in boosting the two-ball game, which benefits no one but alley proprietors? Rolling one less ball to the frame means a saving of time consumed in rolling a game, increasing the earning capacity of an alley, and also saves wear and tear on material.

TWO SCHOOL FIVES ARE OUT IN FRONT

Tech and Business Appear to Have the Edge on Others.

One-fourth of the High School League basketball schedule has been completed and Technical and Business stand out head and shoulders above the others in games played to date.

The Manual Trainers annexed their second victory in the circuit yesterday by trouncing Central by 33 to 19. The Manual Trainers got going early in the battle and demonstrated superiority in every department of the game. Central had a lot of poor luck in basket shooting, ringing the arm many times, but failing to get the drops on account of the fact that the shooters were hurried.

Business Team Wins. While Tech was defeating Central, Business showed superior strength and weight against Eastern and won by 26 to 13. Eastern held the Stenographers to an 8 all count in the first half, but fell by the wayside in the second half when Business let out.

Each team has played twice to date and the standing is as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Technical	2	0	1.000
Business	2	0	1.000
Eastern	1	4	.200
Western	0	2	.000
Central	0	2	.000

On Tuesday Eastern and Western will play in a single contest at the Y. M. C. A. Friday's engagements will bring Business and Central together in the first game and Eastern and Technical in the second contest.

Tech Is Favored. Technical is favored to win over Eastern, and Business can be expected to triumph over Central, which would leave a tie to be decided Tuesday, January 23, when Tech has asked to play the Business team instead of on January 25.

Business scores reveal the fact that the teams are fairly well balanced. The final semester marks coming the last of the month are expected to have something to do with the standing of the teams.

Business is due to lose Buck Wise and Carl Gleesner, which will make quite a hole in the present lineup. Several layers on other teams are said to be dangerously close to the line in scholarship conditions.

WILL PLAY TONIGHT

George Washington and Catholic University Perform at "Y."

George Washington and Catholic University will perform for their followers at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8:30. Manager G. A. Daidy, of the G. W. U. quint, announces James Collier, of the Navy, as referee.

An umpire will be decided upon later in the day. H. C. Byrd, of Maryland State, will be the official scorer. J. Miller Tabler, Columbus C. C., will be official timer.

Both teams recently met defeat at the hands of the Navy team. G. W. U. will probably start Almon and Giacomo in forwards, Ellison or Patterson in center, and Hilles and Groesbeck in guards.

Catholic University will have O'Brien and Trotty in the forwards, Greer or Crosby in center, and Glasscott or McMahon in guards.

Johns Hopkins University does not recognize basketball. A few students have gotten up a team and are playing on an independent schedule in the hope that the faculty athletic committee will recognize the sport.

Catholic University meets Swarthmore here on Monday at Carroll Institute. Swarthmore is tackling the Navy team at Annapolis today, and should furnish the Middle with a lot of opposition.

MOELLER A BREWER.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 12.—Danny Moeller, veteran outfielder, Barbara, third baseman, and Johnny DeBerry, catcher, have been released to the Milwaukee Brewers. Arrangements have been completed whereby the Milwaukee club will receive Indian castoffs.

MISKE IS WINNER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Billy Miske, the St. Paul middleweight, had little trouble defeating Charlie Weiner, the Newark heavyweight, in ten rounds at the Harlem Sporting Club. Miske did all the leading and landed the heavier blows.

ANGELS GET ZABEL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—George Zabel, one of the Cubs' eighteen twirlers, was today released by Manager Mitchell to the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast League. Frank Chance manages the Angels.

WILL MEET HOPKINS.

Georgetown University will meet Johns Hopkins in a dual track meet May 5. The event will be held at Homewood Field the week before the annual intercollegiate meet.

GALLAUDET IS WINNER

Defeats Fishburne in Basketball Contest, 23 to 21.

Fishburne Military Academy gave Gallaudet a hard battle at Waynesboro, Va., yesterday, the Kendall Greensboro nosing out a victory by 23 to 21.

Arthur Wenger, with four goals from the floor and seven from the foul line, led his team in offense and played a strong defensive game. R. Wenger and Cloud also performed well.

Stodger starred for Fishburne, his goal shooting proving exceptionally accurate.

WILLARD WILL BOX ONE MORE FOEMAN

Hopes to Stage His Own Affair and Then Retire to Run a Garage.

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Jess Willard, world's champion heavyweight, expects to appear in the ring once more before retiring to conduct a garage in this city. Furthermore, he plans to back his own bout and wants it in Milwaukee where 7,000 fans can be accommodated.

The champion is bashful and doesn't like to attract too much attention. This, he finds, is almost impossible, for wherever he goes, crowds follow and gaze at him until he is driven away. He hardly dares visit a theater on this account.

Has Made a Fortune. Last year Willard made \$200,000 his two managers receiving a quarter of it. Jones took 15 per cent, and Curley 10 per cent. Willard knows that another fortune can be made by staging a show himself, and that is why he will do it. He expects to clear \$75,000 by boxing somebody in Milwaukee.

"I should like to have boxed Carpenter," says Willard. "But that seems impossible. If Fulton makes good, I suppose he'll get the chance. But I'm tired of the ring, and then, my wife wants me to go into business."

Is Not So Fat. Willard weighs 265 pounds, and, contrary to report, is not so very fat. He says he could take off thirty pounds without much effort, which would put him back where he was when he met Frank Moran last March in New York. He takes daily exercise in a gymnasium fitted up on the top floor of his home, but he is forced to refrain from row work, as he attracts a big crowd.

The champion spends most of his time around the house playing with his children, and rarely leaves, except after dark. He is in bed by 11 o'clock regularly. All in all, he is enjoying life.

MERKLE A SHORTSTOP

Veteran First Baseman May Receive Trial There in Spring.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—While in course of a telephone conversation from Baltimore last night, Wilbert Robinson interjected a remark to the effect that the chances of the Dodgers for another championship depended upon the acquisition of a good shortstop. And this shortstop, unless Robbie's plans go awry, will be Fred Merkle, former first baseman of the Giants.

So sure is the Brooklyn manager that he will develop a crack shortstop in either Merkle or the youngster Fabrique, that he did not really object to the release of Ivan Olson. His hesitancy was due to the securing of waivers.

Unless these were secured Olson might be picked up by another major league club and thereby be deprived of his chance to become a California manager. Robbie is very fond of Olson and is sincere in wanting to help him.

It is the decision to give Merkle a chance at shortstop, though that will cause the baseball world to prick up its ears. All during his career it has been Merkle's desire to be a shortstop, and the players are firm in their belief that he will make good. His hitting makes his chances very bright.

Christy Mathewson has seen Merkle play second base and declares his judgment on ground balls to be wonderful.

"He'll come pretty near saving that ball club," said Mike Donlin.

TABB IS LEADER

Tech's Center Leads Schoolboys in Shooting Baskets.

Roland Tabb, Tech star center, leads all the schoolboys in basket shooting in the title games to date by a goodly margin. Tabb has caged no less than fourteen baskets from the floor in two games.

Buck Wise, of Business, and Catlin, of Tech, are tied for second honors, with seven baskets, while Ralph Wise, of Business, and W. Johnstone, of Western, have four each in a tie for third honors.

Western is meeting the Georgetown Freshmen today in a practice game in Ryan gymnasium. The Freshmen were to have been played but the Freshmen took the date instead.

Dave Pfeiffer, who broke his nose recently, is still on the hard luck list. Pfeiffer got through yesterday's game until the last few moments when he was removed after getting another crack.

Les Myers took Captain De la Vergne's place for Tech yesterday and played consistently. He stayed throughout the game and got two baskets.

Frank Fees, Georgetown's guard, set a record the other day in practice. Fees caged ninety-eight out of one hundred free tosses from the foul line. He has a record of sixty-one straight.

FANS ARE AGAINST FRATERNITY MOVE

Want Baseball on Diamonds, Not in Courts, and Are Tired of Squabble.

By JOE VILA.